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THE CLARKSVILLE BAR.

Speech of Hon. G. A. Henry Before the Clarksville Bar at Their Annual Pienic July 4th, 1877.

Your Honor and Gentlemen of the Clarksville Bar :

The task assigned me, to give a sketch of the Clarksville Bar so far as I know it from personal observa-tion for the last forty-four years, and its traditional reputation for years before I became a member of t, is rather a curious way of celebrating the one hundred and first anniversary of American Independ-

The law under which we live today is supreme, and obedience is not matter of choice, but of necessity. The common law of this court and however a close and mysterious connection and dependence, the one upon here has the liberty of doing just what he pleases provided he submits without a murmur to the jurisdiction and orders of this court, which like the theme I have selectme, take a very wide range, and pired in that dim and distant period Clarksville Bar I could not finish before the close of the present century, and perhaps I might be found ere reading to you, or as

sary of American Independence. As captivating as I may make this adiress, I could hardly expect an audience then unless you could have perfect assurrance that the mint crop would not fail. I shall therefore be forced to give a very rapid sketch of men and things, and in giving you just here a little and there a little, I shall be fortunate indeed if I rescue from oblivion such reminisences of the past generations of lawyers and their sayings and doings as will interest, and I may say improve those who have in charge the temporal ark of the covenant of Honor, the

preserve it and defend it if necessry with ther lives, lest the Philistines capture it and desecrate its altars. From 1814 to 1817 the Hon. Benthat prevailed from 1796 for the final the district or superior court system, and was adopted when Tennessec was admitted into the Union in 1796, and had three judges. This system continued to 1807, when a fourth judge was added to the court. It was not until January 1810 that a court of Errors and Appeals was established, consisting of two judges, and in 1815 was increased to three and in 1822 to four and in 1824 to

five Judges and shortly afterwards reduced to four again; and this con-tinued to be the judicial system of Tennessee till the courts were reorcanized under the Constitution of 1834. During the entire time from 1796 to 1831 the judges were of equal grade, without any Chief Justice or presiding officer. In 1831 Judge Caron was elected Chief Justice by the Legislature. By the Constitution of called the Supreme Court, and that is repeated in the Constitution of 70, which directs the juges to desgnate one of their number to preide as Chief Justice, the court to consist at first of six judges, two from each grand division of the State, with the power to sit in two separate sections in the same divis-

on of the State and hear and determine causes in each at the same time. The first vacancy occurring after January 1873 is not to be filled judges, one of whom is Chief Justice, In 1807 the Hon. Parry W. Humourt then consisted of four judges and was the court for the final decision of causes and continued to act

as such till 1810, when the court of

errors and appeals was established

bunal of the people.

of the Congress of the United States | member of the Clarksville Bar, He ered two years of the last war besessed great knowledge of the land over the minutes of the court he from 1813 to 1815—a period that cov- was a lawyer of fine talents and pos-Britain. Having filled the office of odious as a land shark and land job-Judge of the Superior Court for ber in land titles. The act of 1819 three years, a representative in Confixing a limitation to land litigagress for two years, he was after- tions was passed for the express purwards appointed one of the commis- pose of defeating him and others of settle the disputed line his stamp in their machinations between the two sovereign States of against titles to real estate in Tennes-Kentucky and Tennessee and finally see. In 1825 when I was a student at was Circuit Judge of this judicial Transylvania university I met him listrict for fifteen years. During n Lexington, Ky., and he told me he the whole of this long term of pub- had been legislated out of Tennessee, lic service as Superior Judge, mem- and that he was, he hoped, a solitary ber of Congress, Commissioner to instance in American history where settle a controverted boundary line the legislative authority of a State between sovereign States and Cir- had turned its battery against an inand purity of his conduct in all, and had been reduced by legislative tyfor the courtesy and urbanity of his ranny to utter poverty and virtually deportment to the bar and every exiled from the State without a fficer of the court. He was the other of Judge West H. Humphither of Judge West H. Humphites, of Nashville, and of our own two colors of Nashville, and of our own two colors of the W. Humphires, of Clarksville. W. Humphires, of Clarksville. W. Humphires, of Clarksville. The was a rough, bad the was endowed with wonderful perseverance and capacity for depth of the wind many angry of the court. He was the developing more distinctly one of Judge Martin's striking traits of the would not take collisions from morning till night. If any one had crooked his finger at the time of his death.

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courtly in his manners which, if not perfectly natural, had become his immediate family who appreso by long and habitual practice. ciated him more highly or more sin-As far back as 1836 or -7 he and his cerely regretted his loss. As Attor-press crime and punish criminals fun of the thing as for illustration in brightest young man who ever enwife spent a night with Dr. Drane, new-General, Congressman and Post- who were proven to be guilty. He place of argument, as weapons he rolled himself as a member of the a head and shoulder faller than any who chanced to have so much com- master-General he acquitted himself was, nevertheless, the last man in would use upon his assailants, or as bar. He had a charming eloquence any he had to give up his chamber | with great credit, and left office with- the world who would have pros- whips with which he would lash | very much after the style of John J. | self imprudently during the assault

many he had to give up his chamber to his wife and Mrs. Reynolds. He had two mattresses spread in the parlor, on one of which he and Mr. Reynolds slept and two young men on the other. After they had gone to be all fell asleep except Mr. R., who lay awake an hour or so, and finally got up and went out on the porch and smoked a cigar. After porch and smoked a cigar. After growing a little weary, he quietly returned to the room he had left and smoked a cigar. After growing a little weary, he quietly returned to the room he had left and subject to the porch and smoked a cigar. After growing a little weary, he quietly returned to the room he had left and subject to the porch and smoked a cigar. After growing a little weary, he quietly returned to the room he had left and subject to the porch and smoked a cigar. After growing a little weary, he quietly returned to the room he had left and subject to the porch and smoked a cigar. After growing a little weary, he quietly returned to the room he had left and subject to the porch and smoked a cigar. After growing a little weary, he quietly returned to the room he had left and subject to the porch and smoked a cigar. After growing a little weary, he quietly returned to the room he had left and subject to the porch and smoked a cigar. After growing a little weary, he quietly returned to the room he had left and subject to the porch and smoked a cigar with an ancedote which he and and settled in Texas, which of the land on bearing on, the court of the park here he did many years ago. Which often disgraced the annals of criminal jurisprudence in England. When in court, and during the proper which he would have invoked with unutterable abhorrence upon the cime of judicial murder, which he sealed with an and settled in Texas, where he died many years ago. Which often disgraced the annals of criminal jurisprudence in England. When he he ad deeled preference as lawyer of great cultivation and resolve the porch and the would have rived with an and acted accordingly. When he he ad awoke and feeling round he could for saying he would have rivalled more find his bed fellow, he cried in eloquence his far farmed, but re-, "Mr. Reynolds," who replied, mote ancestor whose name he bore, tions and conscientiously; he sub- use not merely to point a moral or Here;"" where are you?" why He possessed all the requisites of a mitted calmly and with dignity to adorn a tale, but they were his sellville, Ky., where he was born, ain't I there?" "No, Sir, I can't great orator, a fine voice, a comfind you here." "Then, my dear friend, if I am not there, will you be power over the minds and hearts of left the consequences to the tribunal shield and armor, his weapons both offensive and defensive against the world, and no man could use markable man I ever know in many kind enough to tell me where I am." the people. He left the State early which had the constitutional right them with greater effect for as-I tell this little story as an illus- and removed to Mississippi where to decide upon the guilt or innocence sault and defence. His anecdote fund of knowledge and satire and ration of what manner of man he he became a prominent cotton plan- of the prisoner. An illustration of of Andrew Haynes, who saw for wit. Everybody was afraid to en- a band of brothers. "Be ye of one vas. Such little incidents were of ter and added his name, his taste and I this trait of character in his judicial the first time a steamboat on the counter him in debate and I remem-

perpetual occurrence in his history. refinement to the long list of plan-After Gen. Jackson's defeat in his ters in that State who were at that on the trial of Albert Jones for the by thousands who heard his dra-had rather meet a rattlesnake at first Presidential aspiration, he was time an ornament to any country. invited to New Orleans by his political friends, and on his way stopped in Va., educated at the University, ted the waters of the Cumberland, have had a glimpse merely of its larial disease t Clarksville to partake of a public and settled here about the year 1825 Ohio, and the Mississippi for a great extraordinary richness from tradiinner tendered him by the people, and at once entered upon the prac- many years. The killing took place tion. All imitators of the grand old who was at the bar here in t833 the State for the respectful, I might Count Reynolds presided as chair- tice of his profession. He was a at Trice's landing, in this county, original will be remarkable only for when I became a member of it, all of say distinguished courtesy, that at man, and sat at the head of the table man of very extensive reading and and the trial was held in Clarksville. with Gen. Jackson on his right. scholarly attainments, as a lawyer Before the festivities closed, but af- and a citizen. He was all the time and on the third trial Jones was acter wine had been introduced, and in feeble health and had a weak quitted about 3 o'clock in the after- threw a charm over them that will the General had retired, the Hon. voice, but distinct utterance, and noon. Turner and I had been invi- not fade from the memory. Those survive of that noble band of gentle- reflects back to the bar again. A. M. Clayton, recently from Virginia, officeed as a toast "The Hon. Head officeed as a toast "The Hon. Head officeed as a toast "The Hon. Head delivered will find themselves in the common law of this bar Stewart at 4 p. m. He had delivered will find themselves in the common law of this bar speaker and successful lawyer before tale. It is happens I am, too, the strength of him the memory. Those who attempt to repeat this anecdote will find themselves in the common law of this bar speaker and successful lawyer before tale. It is happens I am, too, the strength of him the memory. Those who attempt to repeat this anecdote will find themselves in the common law of this bar speaker and successful lawyer before tale. It is happens I am, too, the strength of him the memory. The second of the memory is a survive of that note lawyer to tell the speaker and successful lawyers to tell the strength of him the memory. The survive of that note law of this bar the second of the seco ern Ahithophel-may his councils ing here about 10 years he was ap- ever heard in a court, the most sys- one of Michael Angelo's best picturned into foolishness." The pointed U. S. District Judge for the tematic and clear, though, I must tures. The canvass may be there, Count, whose glass was filled ready Territory of Arkansas and subse- add, strictly within the bounds of le- and the paint may be applied with to be drank, and who felt what he had already taken, immediately where he became a successful cotton diately after the announcement of sublime inspiration to the picture is emptied his glass upon the floor, and said with emphasis: "Burn me if I drink that toast." The table was first rank amongst the lawyers of that cost him to pronounce it, he at once by Nathaniel H. Allen, but would in great excitement and adjourned State, and became one of its Su- and in a firm voice, ordered the rather impress his example as a good confusion. I dwell on this, as preme Judges at a time when the sheriff to adjourn the court until the citizen, as a devotee to the principle 1825 was quite a historic period in as fine lawyers as any State in the legal profession was crowded with as fine lawyers as any State in the for a while, he hunted me up, and swerved, on the members of the bar, Wm. L. Brown, Will A. Cook and Union possessed. He still survives as he left the court-room he took my and pray that they would treasure

Court, and who delivered the opin- ness, and can do more office work, on in the case of the State vs. Cope-and and others still more remarka-I know. e) were members of the Clarksville Bar, and all laid the founda- of the county of Sumner, Tenn., tion of their reputation and useful- and the son of an able Methodist ness in the courts in Clarksville. The preacher, who was contemporary two first named moved to Nashville with the Rev. Valentine S. Cook. and the latter to Memphis; and all After acquiring a plain education, first lawyers of Middle and West tled first at Springfield, and soon re- emotion, on the pavement, he said: was in the fall of 1825 or -6. He sis every case he had to determine and unburdened his mind at once, ver engrossed his mind, and of very many years before his death lived it may be, drank somewhat of the restless manners, and exceedingly on his plantation on the Cumberland vintage of 1800, and felt as happy if Judge Martin has a daughter." impetuous in the argument of his river where he died. causes; endowed with extraordinary

wards his opponents. On one occa- the bench till the day of his death. sion when he was arguing a cause in He enjoyed a fine legal discussion court, he turned to his antagonist | before him and listened with pleasthink Judge Crabb-and bowing ure, indeed with gusto to the huvery low to him, said: "You have mor, the wit and the repartee of the been pleased, sir, to refer to the lawyers. No man could catch a fine of any man, and is saying no more wept a tear or so, drew a red pocket should fail and perish in your hands Statute of Limitation of 1819, which | thing, or detect a ridiculous blunder | than is strictly true as no legitimate connection with soonerthan he; exceedingly watchful this cause, with a view I apprehend of every lawyer and everything that respectable chancery lawyer, kept trumpet, and wiped his eyes dry of tation as you would the immediate of forestalling the judgment of this was passing in the court room, he his office and his papers in order, the tears he had shed. Allen was jewels of your souls and send it on ourt on that law which will come detected at a glance as by intuition and scrupulously neat. He was an happy; he had laid the ground work down the stream, brightening as it up for judicial construction at a sub- every attempt at sharp practice, and actor in some of the most amusing now in truth for the grand display quent day of this term of this every quiz that was affoat or in in- incidents I ever saw in the court- he would make the following morn-time May it please the Court, I cubation, especially if he was the house. They require, however, too ing. He came into court and after may well dread. I am fully his assailant. On one occassion Rich-men, for fine horses and game cocks. med to meet him or any other an- ard Barker, a young lawyer who pos- Once while I was at Springfield conist, I don't care whom; be he sessed a real legal mind, and who court he insisted I should go home chard or Saladin, Greek or Turk, was very troublesome to the law- with him, about one mile east of the 'Il crush him.' He has more tra- yers, in filing demurers to pleas and town, and see his game cocks. We ionary reputation than any man | declarations, after he had argued a | walked through the fowl-yard, and faithful lawyer, without any great learning outside of his profession. He said he was going to move to none of the attributes of an orator, correct the minutes, which would Five or six young fellows gave him except perhaps great earnestness in state the demurrer was fully under-

courts, in Congress or before the tri- assured him the Judge would take cations that they meditated rebel-Patrick Henry Darby was at one time a citizen of Clarksville and a midst of the recital, that the demur- that he could whip a barn-yard of murrer was fully argued by council;"

than Barker himself. I recite this little reminiscence as | conflict, though we had many angry and incorruptible judge, and gave cock that was killed or those that When I came to the bar in Clarks- such satisfaction on the judgement were alive. ville Hon. Cave Johnson was still seat, that the bar and country felt in the practice of his profession, his place could hardly be filled when

planter, but prosecuted his profession not guilty, though excited and heat- gone forever. I will not, therefore first rank amongst the lawyers of that cost him to pronounce it, he at once by Nathaniel H. Allen, but would William B. Turley (the latter after- and keeps up as I understand his arm and we walked over one hunvards a Judge of the Supreme habit af close attention to his busi- dred yards in the middle of the value.

street without a word being uttered by either of us. His fingers were working convulsively on my arm stand it much longer, and that he

Herbert S. Kimble was a very

lion against the arbitrary manner ence and at once detected a conspi- authority. I said to him, "Kimble, racy. As the clerk, my old and venerable friend Charles Bailey, read these young bloods will not quietly submit to that old fellow much lonover the minutes of the court he reached the entry on Barker's demurrer. In a moment we were all ando, one after another, till they attention, and just as he was in the worry him to death." He replied rer having been fully argued by the counsel and fully understood by the was standing on the streets, before court, Barker rose and said "May it court met, with some gentlemen; please the court, I move to correct one of them said, "Kimble is com- who was conscious he had gained the minutes just read in that part ing in early this morning, somewhich says," the court promptly in-terposed, and, "Mr. Clerk, the mo-tion of the council is allowed, strike out that part which says the de-out that part which says the deing under great excitement, and the laugh was at once turned on coming up to me he said, "Henry, oung Barker and his confederates don't you think those d-d young were forced to join in against their sons of bitches have killed my old friend. No one enjoyed the joke game cock." He was very irritable with more intense satisfaction than all day, disrespectful to the bar, and to get through the day without a

Nathaniel H. Allen. What shall I say of the "old man eloquent" courtesy to the bar, his digni- though his public duties called him he died. His habit was to be atten- that would be worthy of his unri- and if by chance he should detect a of superior cultivation and incited ing. deportment and unsullied repute to Congress. He entered Congress tive to the reading of the declaration of t Few men in the State have 1829 and was re-elected till 1837; tion and the pleas and he saw in a I need not seek to revive your recol- in a resounding laugh that could be early to realize them. neld so many high offices and so was defeated that year but was again moment the legal point in contro- lection of him. He had the power heard a mile off. Thave rarely seen head so many high offices and so was declared that year but was again honorably discharged the duties per- returned to Congress in 1839 and versy. The Issue joined between to impress himself upon the memo- a more manly person than Wiley B. county, Ky., read law in Clarksville, taining to them and left public life continued till 1845, when he was ap- the parties was the point on which ry of all who ever heard him so inwith a brighter escutcheon and a purer private character. This brings of President Polk's adoption of the cause. His instructions to the parties interested being willing, I purer private changed. The department of the ministration, and remained in office in defence of a client whose life and in defence of a client whose life and the spirit-stir- tween the States, when he joined would be better for us to grow in James B. Reynolds, an Irishman by 1849. He had risen from the clerk's age so plain that the jury easily un-JOB PRINTING

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time an ornament to any country. murder of Capt. Joe Miller, an old Matic history and representation of Miller, and by thousands who Orleans where he died of some ma-

his example as jewels of inestimable

donia Williams vs. J. J. Williams Mortimer A. Martin was a native all the time, and I felt he could not He was for the plaintiff and I for the H. S. Garland, Jno. F. House, Alfred was then at the point of explosion. was sent to school to Williams when C. G. Smith, William Daniel, Ed- tion. He suddenly stopped and got immediately before me in the street, and device and another he gained her afstriking a small cane he held in his fection and married her before she W. Tyler, Hickman and Polk G. or perish there too. This is the immediately took rank among the but substantial, he studied law; set- hand, three or four times, with deep was 16 years old, against the will of Johnson, Arthur and Lewis Mun-From 1814 to 1817 the 11on, Bennet W. Searcy was the Circuit Judge
of this judicial district, and resided
in Clarksville. He was succeeded
by Alfred M. Harris, who continued
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t her parents, and after a year or two ford, Rufus Rhodes, Willis Jackson, adge of this district and continued Of William L. Brown I knew of he extensively read in his profession, ought to have been hung, but the for her. The case was called, the the active members of the bar toevening and the court adjourned to You are called upon this day to alone will be defended by you, and he left Clarksville for Nashville and gated in that way, by mental analy- ciled him to the verdict of the jury, meet next morning when the argu- fill the places in the ranks made va- that every member of the bar hears ment would be heard in the case, cant by death or retirement from upon himself the greatest calamit was a very delicate man, of flexible as lawyer or Judge. Having been limbs, with sallow skin and black raised in the country, he had an early limbs, with sallow skin and black raised in the country, he had an early limbs, with sallow skin and black raised in the country, he had an early limbs, with sallow skin and black raised in the country, he had an early limbs, with sallow skin and black raised in the country, he had an early limbs, with sallow skin and black raised in the country, he had an early limbs, with sallow skin and black raised in the country, he had an early limbs, with sallow skin and black raised in the country, he had an early limbs, with sallow skin and black raised in the country, he had an early limbs, with sallow skin and black raised in the country, he had an early limbs, with sallow skin and black raised in the country, he had an early limbs, with sallow skin and black raised in the country, he had an early limbs, with sallow skin and black raised in the country, he had an early limbs, with sallow skin and black raised in the country, he had an early limbs, with sallow skin and black raised in the country, he had an early limbs, with sallow skin and black raised in the country, he had an early limbs, with sallow skin and black raised in the country, he had an early limbs, with sallow skin and black raised in the country, he had an early limbs, with sallow skin and black raised in the country, he had an early limbs, with sallow skin and black raised in the country, he had an early limbs are sallowed as the sallow skin and black raised in the country, he had an early limbs are sallowed as the sallow skin and black raised in the country skin and the sallow skin and black raised in the country skin and the sallow skin and black raised in the country skin and the sallow skin a eyes. Eager in the pursuit of whatthe way Allen said: "Britt, ask me and modern reputation of the bar lawyers flying to his rescue; an In 1836 he was elected Judge of this his potations "o'er the ills of life in the affirmative. "Now ask me if your duty to the dead and to the any of you seek popular favor, do eloquence, and very intolerant to- Judicial District and remained on victorious." From a close examin- he loves his daughter." It was living, and to warn you that the repation and intimate knowledge of done, and Allen answered: "Yes, utation they left is precious enough and its institutions, and not as dem his character as a judge I have yes, Britt, he loves her as well as you to evoke from you strenuous exer- agogues, who are the bane of a free

thought he was as able a criminal do your own poor unfortunated aughjudge as Sir Matthew Hale, and that ter." Before they had gotten through

give the gentleman notice to reserve subject of it. He knew on the instant, much acting to give them their prop- he had warmed up in the discussion I have just announced, T. W. King, s ammunition and bide his time what was up and was fully prepared er stage effect to have a place in of the real or imaginary wrongs of H. S. Garland, J. G. Hornberger, and not waste his strength in antici- to repel any assault or turn the point | this veritable history. He had a de- his client, and saw he had the sym- R. W. Johnson, Alfred Robb, Geo. pation of a coming conflict which of any wittieism, from himself to cided passion, like many other great pathy and close attention of the Harrel and Jno. Campbell, it is prop-Britt, the unfortunate father of this untimely fall into early graves. broken-hearted woman, asked me if The Hon, Thomas W. King was ditionary reputation than any man declarations, after he had argued a walked through the fowl-yard, and the was enough to stir any man's love his daughter?" "Yes, yes, was educated in the old City Acadvas the author of the Statute of lein, came to me and several lawyers who blood to hear him dilate on the mer- Britt; he loves her with all the ten- emy of Clarksville, and very finely were quietly sitting in the bar, and its of his heroic birds with blood red | derness a woman feels for her first | educated too. I have searcely ever Wm. A. Cook was a safe and said he was going to run a joke on the plumage. The old cock was a per- born child; yes, old man, he loves met a finer classic scholar, one who Judge if it would not offend him. feet specimen of the game chicken, her as tenderly as you love your read the English language so ele He said he was going to move to He was lord of all he surveyed, downtrodden, insulted but lovely gantly, the Latin language so finely daughter-lovelier in her tears than an I translated it so well. considerable trouble and annoyance even in her smiles. And the tears thorough historian and the finest debate, which is perhaps as effective stood by the court and asked us to by their assiduous grllantry to the of the father, may it please your belleslettre scholar belonging to the as the famous definition of Demos- stand by him and laugh down the females of the tribe, who ran to him honor, gushed down his rude and bar. His reading was so thorough thenes of eloquence, action; and is as Judge when the laughing time came. ever and anon for protection against rugged face as the water flowed from and extensive that we were in the necessary to secure success in the We promised to befriend him, and their assaults, and were giving indi- the rock on Horeb's mountain when habit of referring all disputed points hoo, hoo," cried Martin, and the bills in Chancery and pleadings in The Judge saw our close confer- in which he exercised his paternal tears were rushing down, which at the courts of law were so admirably the time was as rugged as Britt's or drawn as to be models for his brothers as a girl's, and who was deeply His knowledge of his profession was having seen the morning papers.

moved, cried out, "Henry Martin is exceedingly creditable. He pre-

> keep silence in the court," and Allen proceeded in the tone of a man Judicial station he held in Mont- we want to annex Mexico, or any Wiley B. Johnson, for many years Mr. Garland was a son of the Hon. was a man of extraordinary personal

eight brothers.

"I feel like one who treads alone ome banquet hall deserted; Whose lights are fled, Whose gartiands dead,

ne of them extraordinary talents. gloriously, in this leaving to their children the legacy of a bright and shelter them from the pitlless peluntarnished name if nothing else. ting of the storm, as the hen doth All these were members of the bar her chickens. or had been before 1833.

Afterwards Jas. E. Bailey, T. W. King, Jas. M. and W. A. Quarles, O. Shackelford, J. G. Hornberger, Robb, George Harrel, H. H. Lurton, ter, but wage a war of externil

is saying enough in commendation with their little conversation Britt over to you pure and untarnished in speaking of him, says: handkerchief from his pocket, blew and turn like Dead Sea fruits to ashes on your lips. Guard its repugoes to the last syllable of recorded

pathy and close attention of the court, he said: "May it please your er I should not pass by without shed-too narrowly. With us, too, as with onor, as I rode home last night ding the tribute of a tear over their all men,

your honor had a daughter. I said a native of Clarksville and the secthe rock on Horeb's mountain either. of the profession, who sometimes do Wiley B. Johnson, who was stand- not value scholastic elegance enough Wiley B. Johnson, who was standing by, whose heart was as tender in the preparation of their pleadings. dent about this (his views as to annexation). He was surprised, not moved, cried out, "Henry Martin is exceedingly creditable. He precrying and I be hanged if you haven't ferred the Bench to the flerce con- letter from the Senator (Blaine), st your cause;" and so indeed I flicts at the bar, and had he not been The Judge cried, "Sheriff, cut off in the prime of life would imagine that Mr. Blaine could be

the Attorney-General of this district, Jas. Garland, of Lynchburg, Va., attractions. "Had he lived he would | and was a young man of native talhave made his mark in the civil war, ents and very considerable cultiva- but to protect to the fullest extensi which has swept his native South as tion. As a lawyer he was very with the bosom of destruction. His promising and was in the enjoyment ion-hearted courage would have of a very lucrative practice when he

J. G. Hornberger was born in the clerk, except perhaps the Judge, searcely civil to the court, and evi-who had the habit of laughing at dently wanted to fight something or lawyer; never was fond enough of up against the difficulties of a defecthis own wit; none enjoyed it less somebody. We made out, however, his profession to be so, though he live education and without patronage ly attend to. It is our business to had talents enough. He was, how- or family influence to a most remuever, a very effective public speaker, nerative practice in Clarksville, and I can say that we would not take

some little sentimental song he young lawyer; had high rank in the have no annexation scheme to pro would sing on our way to court on Lebanon Law College, where he ecute either secretly or openly, horseback under the grand old for- graduated and began the practice in | couple of Texas gentle ests that overshadowed the road; Clarksville, where he gave evidence them) were talking to me this more

Of them I cannot speak; to then however, I have a word or so refinement to the long list of plan- administration of the law occurred Cumberland river, is remembered ber N. H. Allen once said to me he another, love as brethren, be courted

> This, too, gentlemen, is a legac that is left to you by your predeces sors, and I hope it loses none of it is delivered to you this day from my hands. In all the trials of life sta by each other, in sunshine and is storm, and the closer, the louder oken were men of respectable and the storm may howl. If any are in trouble in mind, body or es tate, don't desert them then, but throw your arm around them and

of Clarksville, which I fancy will be dishonor will be perpetually exiled tions and eternal vigilance, lest the State. Tennyson pays the grandinheritance which I this day hand est compliment to Willington, who

"Let all good things await fim who cares not to be great, but as he serves, or saves, the Sta He alone is great, but as he serves or saves the State-a standard I fear too high for modern degeneracy but yet I hope some of you wil

One word, gentlemen, before we part. We should remember it is probably wiser for us all to look a little more closely into our own con-The shores of life are shifting

The shores of life are shifting
Every year.
And we are seaward drifting.
Every year.
Old places changing fret us,
The tiving more forget us,
There are fewer to regret us,
Every year.
But the truer light draws nigher
Every year.
And its morning star climbs higher
Every year.
Earth's hold on us grows slighter,
And the heavy burthen lighter,
And the dawn immertal trighter,
Every year.

vate views concerning the Mexican question. Writing from Washing

"This morning I asked the Presipleasant, kindly one, and he did not have adorned any tribunal from the very hostile. 'If he or others think gomery to the Supreme Court of the part of it, or that this Administra tion has any designs, secret or other wise, on Mexico, he has been mis We have no policy towards line, and attend to our own busine our citizens on the border. We certainly shall protect them. I think covet any of our neighbor's territe George Harrel was born in Todd | the country. I don't think we could has sunk to his rest and no sound rose from the ranks to the office of we have no annexation scheme to